under JNNURM, out of which 6 projects have been sanctioned so far.

(d) Out of remaining 10 projects, 5 projects have been returned for modification and 5 are under appraisal by the Appraising Agency. These projects will be sanctioned as and when these are found technically acceptable.

Proposal to reduce Metro Train fare

1005. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of the Union Government to reduce the Metro Train fare in the capital to meet financial demand of the common man, in view of the high fare charges;

(b) if so, by when such fare is expected to be reduced for the benefit of the common man to increase the number of commuters; and

(c) how far Government would be benefited as a result of the reduction of fare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conversion of leasehold property to freehold

1006. SHRI VARINDAR SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA proposes to offer conversion lease hold properties both residential and commercial, allotted by it, to freehold on concessional rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the conversion rates both for residential and commercial properties, separately and by when the offer is expected to be made; and

(c) by when the project is likely to begin and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that under the existing policy of the Government, there is a 40% rebate in the conversion fee for conversion of properties, both residential and commercial, from leasehold to freehold, in the case of the recorded lessees. The DDA has also informed that there is no proposal for giving any further concession in the conversion fee.

Slow Progress of AUWSP in AP

1007. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) has been initiated in 1993-94 for providing water supply to towns of various States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as on August, 2006, only 42 schemes have been approved for the State of Andhra Pradesh under AUWSP since its inception;

(c) if so, the reasons for completing only two schemes since 1993-94;

(d) the progress of the remaining 40 schemes in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) whether his Ministry has set any time-frame, at least, to complete the scheme within the next two to three years; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) As informed by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, 12 projects have been commissioned and remaining 30 projects are likely to be completed by 31st of March, 2007. Status of all the projects is placed at Statement (*See* below).

The scheme has since been subsumed under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) launched by the Ministry in December, 2005.